

NRC INSPECTION MANUAL

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PART 9900: 10 CFR GUIDANCE

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10 CFR PART 50 APPENDIX B INSPECTION DOCUMENTATION GUIDANCE, CRITERION X & XVII

A. PURPOSE

To provide guidance on the requirement to document inspection results for inspections performed by the licensee or contractor personnel.

B. BACKGROUND

The Comanche Peak Report Review Group (CPRRG) recommended that inspection guidance be provided in the area of inspection documentation for inspections that are performed by the licensee or contractor personnel. In particular, the CPRRG requested guidance concerning the question of whether specific inspection procedures used by the licensee or contractor should contain instructions in the inspection procedure that inspection results be documented.

C. DISCUSSION

10 CFR Part 50, Appendix B, Criterion X, requires that a program for inspecting activities affecting quality shall be established and implemented. Further, in the context of the Appendix B program requirements, Criterion XVII requires that the completion of inspections be documented. The requirement to document inspection results is therefore considered to be a part of the overall quality assurance program, and the need to document inspection results does not need to be stated on each specific inspection procedure when it is a program requirement.

D. CONCLUSION

Since Appendix B and industry quality assurance standards endorsed by NRC does require that all inspections be documented, the licensee or contractor may, and usually does, include the requirement for documentation of inspection results under the basic quality assurance program. This methodology for achieving the documentation of inspection results by stating the requirement in the basic quality assurance program is acceptable.

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